



Pet Defecation

Be A Good Neighbor.

Keep your neighborhood clean, healthy, and safe.

Defecation by dogs or cats must be removed immediately and disposed of properly. It's the LAW: L.B.M.C. 6.16.200

Pet Owners' Responsibilities

Pet owners are responsible for the actions of their animals at all times.

Pet owners must remove all fecal material left by their pets. This includes neighbors' yards, city parks, school property, public rights-of-way, etc.

Responsible pet owners prevent their animals from creating a defecation nuisance by:

- Immediately removing and *disposing of, in a responsible and sanitary manner*, feces left by their dog or cat.
- Having materials to remove feces left by their dog or cat when walking off their own property.
- Never placing defecation in recycle bin, storm drain, or body of water.

City of Long Beach Municipal Code

6.16.200 Defecation removal required.

"No person owning, having a proprietary interest in, harboring or having the care, charge, control, custody or possession of any animal shall permit such animal to defecate on any public sidewalk, park, or building, or on any private property without the consent of the owner of such private property, unless such person removes any such defecation to a proper trash receptacle."

Violation may be punishable by a citation and fine of \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for a second violation within one year of initial violation, and \$500 for each subsequent violation.



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Why Should I Scoop?

Pet owners must stoop and scoop because it is the law and may result in a citation.

Pet defecation that is not disposed of properly may be a health hazard to people and other pets.

- Pet diseases and parasites are often shed in feces. Direct contact may put children and other animals at risk.
- Storm sewers discharge rainwater into the nearest waterway, or directly into the ocean. Pet waste that is not disposed of properly may be carried into the storm sewer systems by water run off and may result in water pollution.
- Pet feces deposited in a storm drain or waterway may result in bacterial contamination, such as elevated levels of E. coli.

Pet defecation is a nuisance

No one enjoys maneuvering around piles of pet waste. In addition to being unsightly, the odor from pet feces is unpleasant and may attract flies.

Dealing With A Defecation Nuisance

Residents who experience an issue with another person's pet defecating on their property should:

- Contact the pet's owner. The owner may not be aware that the pet is causing a nuisance and/or it is against the law.
- Contact Animal Care Services at 562-570-7387 if they are unable/unwilling to contact the pet's owner, or they have spoken with the owner but there has been no attempt to address the issue.

When reporting defecation nuisance, residents should provide their address, a description of the pet and the owner, the address of the owner if known, the date(s) and time of the incident(s).



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